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1. HERUT'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE LAST NIGHT APPROVED THE PARTY'S NOMINATIONS FOR MINISTRY PORTFOLIOS PROPOSED BY ITS LEADER, PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE BEGIN. IN ADDITION TO BEGIN THEY ARE: EZER WEIZMAN FOR DEFENSE, DAVID LEVY FOR IMMIGRATION ABSORPTION AND ARIK SHARON FOR AGRICULTURE. (BEGIN ANNOUNCED THE FORMAL MERGER OF SHARON AND HIS PARTY WITH HERUT, THUS ENDING THE BRIEF SAGA OF SHLOMZION.)

2. BEGIN SAID HE WOULD FOR THE TIME BEING HOLD AVAILABLE FOR THE DMC THE THREE MINISTRIES OF SOCIAL BETTERMENT, JUSTICE AND TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS. HE ALSO IN-
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DICATED THAT SHMUEL KATZ, NOW IN THE U.S. AS BEGIN'S SPECIAL EMISSARY, WILL BE HIS ADVISER ON INFORMATION ABROAD. (PREVIOUSLY KATZ HAD BEEN WIDELY RUMORED AS A REPLACEMENT FOR AMBASSADOR DINITZ.) LIKUDNIKS PLACE MUCH STORE ON THE INFORMATION POST. EVER SINCE THE ELECTION THEY HAVE SPOKEN OF MOUNTING A STRONG AND SUSTAINED EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ABROAD, PARTICULARLY

IN THE U.S., ON THE LIKUD'S POSITIONS ON PEACE, BORDERS,
AND SECURITY.

3. THERE WAS SOME GRUBBLING LAST NIGHT WHEN BEGIN
REFERRED TO HIS DECISION TO APPOINT MOSHE DAYAN FOREIGN
MINISTER. ONE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER SHOUTED "WE
VOTED FOR THE LIKUD BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE DAYAN WERE IN
THE ALIGNMENT." HIS OUTBURST DREW SCATTERED MURMURS
OF SUPPORT WHICH WERE QUICKLY SILENCED. BEGIN ANSWERED
THAT THE CHOICE OF DAYAN IS NOT SUBJECT TO A VOTE BY
HERUT'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE BECAUSE HIS IS AN INDEPENDENT.
WHEN BEGIN THEN DECLARED THAT DAYAN WILL BE IN THE
CABINET, HE WAS SUSTAINED BY LOUD APPLAUSE. ALSO DRAW-
ING SOME DISSENT WAS THE CHOICE OF DAVID LEVY. HERE
TOO, HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO CONTEST. THE CANDIDATES
WERE ALL APPROVED OVERWHELMINGLY.

4. EARLIER IN THE DAY THE LIKUD ACCEDED TO THE NRP'S
DEMAND FOR A THIRD MINISTERIAL POST -- THAT OF RELIGIOUS
AFFAIRS. THIS APPARENTLY MARKS THE END OF LIKUD EFFORTS
TO INCORPORATE THAT MINISTRY IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY.
FORMAL SELECTION BY THE NRP OF ITS MINISTERIAL
CANDIDATES IS EXPECTED ON JUNE 19. IN ADDITION TO
JOSEPH BURG AND ZVULUN HAMMER, THE NRP IS LIKELY TO
CHOOSE AHARON ABU-HATZEIRA--PROBABLY FOR THE RELIGIOUS
PORTFOLIO.

5. MEANWHILE GUSH ENUMIN'S SPIRITUAL LEADER, 86
YEAR OLD RABBI ZVI YEHUDAH KOOK, ATTACKED THE ANTICI-
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PATED CHOICE OF HAMMER AS EDUCATION MINISTER ON T.V.
LAST NIGHT. HE MAINTAINED THAT NRP MK HAIM DRUCKMAN,
A GUSH ENUMIN ADHERENT WHO HEADS A YESHIVAH (RELIGIOUS
SEMINARY) AND SECOND ON THE NRP LIST, IS FAR MORE QUALIFIED.
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